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Sir:

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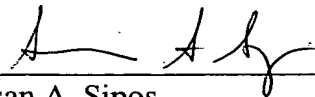
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references in their entirety, and to indicate that he has done so by initialing the enclosed Patent and Trademark Office Form 1449.

In view of the present submission, it is believed that the present application is in all respects complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the present application he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due. However, if any fees are due, please deduce such sum from Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

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